

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended):      A method for providing a one game scratch match play single elimination tournament for league players, comprising the steps of:
  - a.      providing a pool of eligible league players;
  - b.      placing each eligible league player into one of eight divisions, each division being defined by highest average scores attained by league players in current league play;
  - c.      conducting a local first round of competition in which each of the eligible league players in each of the eight divisions engages in one game scratch match play, single elimination, eight-player brackets, until one player prevails in each division and continues on to a regional second round;
  - d.      conducting a regional second round in 512 locations that are geographically distributed as equally as possible in which each of the eight divisions engages in one game scratch match play, single elimination, until one player prevails in each division and continues on to a championship round; and
  - e.      conducting a championship round in a single location in which each of the 512 league players who prevail in the regional second round in each of the eight divisions engages in one game scratch match play, single elimination, until 8 tournament champions prevail, one in each of the eight divisions.
2. (previously presented):      The method of claim 1 wherein the providing step includes defining eligible league players as those who have paid weekly tournament entry fees over a league season.

3. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the placing step includes placing eligible league players into one of eight divisions based upon each player's highest average in the current league season based upon at least 60 games.

4. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the placing step includes placing eligible league players into one of eight divisions based upon each player's highest average in the last three years or highest lifetime league average based upon at least 60 games.

5. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the providing step includes discretionarily defining eligible league players at the local league level.

6. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the placing step includes eight divisions based on average bowling scores, including one division for average scores of 215 or more; one for average scores between 200 and 214; one for average scores between 185 and 199; one for average scores between 170 and 184; one for average scores between 155 and 169; one for average scores between 140 and 154; one for average scores between 125 and 139; and one for averages less than 124.